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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

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Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 5, 7-11 and 13 are withdrawn from consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 3 and 4 as begin dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated they would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the patentable features of independent claim 3 and based on the Examiner's assertion should be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4 and 6 should be allowed, at least, by virtue of their dependency. Additionally, Claim 12 has been amended to include all the features of independent claim 1, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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